

Docket No. 1-8223

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Pages 14 and 15, paragraph bridging same:

Moreover, in the pressing step, because the opening rim sections of the two side walls 12a, 12b of the annular slots 12 formed in the working press roller 11 are curved surfaces with a radius of curvature R of 0.3 mm to 0.6 mm, the boundaries between the protrusions 8, 8 and the surrounding regions [(is)] are clearly defined, and moreover rupture or deterioration of the metal skeleton of the core substrate 1 does not occur during the press working. If the radius of curvature R of the curved surfaces is set to a value greater than the range from 0.3 mm to 0.6 mm, the active material 3 of the edge of the protrusions 8, 8 may drop out and the boundaries between the protrusions 8, 8 and the surrounding regions becomes become indistinct, whereas if the radius of curvature R is smaller than the aforementioned range, there is a danger of rupture or deterioration of the metal skeleton of the core substrate 1, and a battery produced using such a battery electrode plate would display a reduced current collecting efficiency.